



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 8, 2020



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXII Niedziela zwykła

November 8, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 63:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth, all remembered for All Souls

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Prayers for the Deceased at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction for the intention of youth, vocations, and the parish.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; Then truly will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim!

R. Hate evil and love good, and let justice prevail at the gate.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 15, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm: 128:1-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth, all remembered for All Souls

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Prayers for the Deceased at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I had thought: How I should like to treat you as sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful among the nations!

R. You would call Me, "My Father," I thought, and never cease following Me.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Upcoming...

- November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.
- November 11: Veteran's Day, Remembrance Day, Polish Independence Day/Dzień Niepodległości. Rosary at 7pm.
- November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.
- November 16: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets.
- November 21: Solemnity – Presentation of the B.V.M.
- November 22: Solemnity – Christ the King. Also, Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at 10am.
- November 26: Thanksgiving.
- November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am with blessing of Oplatek/Christmas Wafers and the Advent Wreath.
- November 30: Feast, St. Andrew the First Called.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake.
It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of
Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Oil, oil, and more oil.

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise."

For a few weeks we have been considering Jesus' teaching on the last things, the end times, and our preparedness for that blessed day. Today's gospel brings the reality of God's expectation home to us.

Oil was a primary product in biblical times, somewhat like today, but much more widespread in its application. It was a food product, was necessary to cooking and baking, kept the lights lit, was a cosmetic, and was used to make soap. When important guests arrived, they were honored by being anointed with oil.

Throughout Scripture, the symbol of oil was used to represent God's anointing in both power and healing for both animals and people, His

generous provision for the faithful, and the readiness of His people. We see kings, priests, and prophets anointed with oil. Mary anointed Jesus' feet with aromatic oil at the banquet in Lazarus' house just prior to His suffering and death.

The question seemingly before us today – when the end comes, will I have enough oil? But that's not the real question. If we thought of it that way, we'd be saving up oil, hiding it away. The real question before us: Am I using the supply I have been given to prepare for the kingdom and do I trust God to keep my supply full, or am I unwisely sitting on what God has given, wasting it?

As the faithful, we should never worry about our spare supply. Our supply comes from our lived faith. It is constantly refreshed and restored by the grace of God. With faith and dedication to God's gospel way, our lamps will never run dry. Take the lesson of the lamps that never went dry.

Maccabees, and the Talmud commentary on it, says that after the

forces of Antiochus IV had been driven from the Temple, the Maccabees discovered only enough pure oil to light the menorah for a single day, yet it burned for eight days. Elijah assured the Widow of Zarephath that her jug of oil would not run dry during a multi-year drought. These examples point to God continuing to fill His faithful, to His restoring our supply of oil. We can and must burn and burn our lamps, showing the light of Christ, doing His work, preparing for His arrival, and trusting that we will never run dry. For the faithful, there will be oil, oil, and more oil.

God expects us to trust in His provision for our work for the kingdom. Let us set to work, never worrying about running out, and confident in what we will have to show for our work when Jesus returns. The light we carry and show each day and the lamps we hold when the end comes, when Jesus, the Bridegroom, is at the doorstep, will be our testimony for entry into the kingdom.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:5

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 27:20
MONDAY: Psalm 45:7
TUESDAY: James 5:14-15
WEDNESDAY: Mark 6:13
THURSDAY: Isaiah 61:3
FRIDAY: Exodus 30:23-25
SATURDAY: 1 John 2:27

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You have anointed me and have filled my supply of oil. Grant that I may use what You have given me to bring people to You and grow Your kingdom. May I be found ready for You.

All Souls Thank You

Thank you to all who joined us for the All Souls Observance at Good Shepherd Cemetery last Sunday afternoon. It was a bit chilly and definitely rainy, but as we gathered for prayer it brightened for about 15 minutes and the rain stopped. Thank you Lord for Your blessing us. Thank you to all who joined us virtually on All Souls Day. Thank you for all the remembrances/wypomniki offered for the month of November. We will continue to pray for the repose of their souls throughout the month prior to Holy Mass.

Monthly Rosary Devotion

We plan to hold rosary once a month going forward. Next date, November 11. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for future dates. Join in prayer as we bring the needs of our nation, families, parish, and our own personal ones before the Lord in prayer.

Planning For Our 100th Anniversary

In 2021 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. We will have a 100th anniversary celebration kick-off meeting on Sunday, November 8th immediately following Holy Mass. We will convene in the church basement (socially distanced) and discuss ideas for next year. If anyone is unable to attend but would like to join the planning committee and/or submit ideas, then send your information to Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com.

November/December Sacrificial Giving

As usual, we will be gathering can and dry food donations now through December 20th. You may leave your donations by the Mary Altar. If you have good unneeded clothing to donate, it may be dropped off downstairs. The YMSofR will take these donations to local charities. We will also have a giving tree set up with ornaments. These 50 double sided 3"x3" hanging ornaments each represents a donation option to help those in need such as providing water filters, bathroom and hygiene supplies, vaccinations, Bibles for children, and more. We ask you to pick one as a family and make a donation to change a life.

Together in Faith and Love

The winter months and continued social isolation will challenge us all. Fr. Jim will be holding weekly virtual get-togethers where with faith and love we can face challenges together. Give Fr. Jim your email or text number to be included. Letters will also be sent out.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, all suffering due to Coronavirus, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St. Mary's Parish, Parma, OH.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

Of note...

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---